

Visitor Information on Angora Fire
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LAKE TAHOE FIRE 100% CONTAINED

4th of July "Lights on the Lake" Fireworks and the American Century Championship (July 10-15) on Schedule to Welcome Visitors.

- The fire area is located 7 miles west of the main tourism areas including the casino corridor and Stateline beaches.
- Public access within the 3,100 acres of the fire area has been returned and all evacuations have been lifted.
- 4th of July weekend followed by the American Century Championship should be healthy for South Lake Tahoe businesses.
- "It's safe to come here...one of the most beautiful places in the entire world," says Governor Schwarzenegger.
- The fire is currently 100% contained with flames extinguished.
- All U.S. Highways into the Lake Tahoe basin including HWY 50 and HWY 89, the main arteries from Northern California, are open with no restrictions; the air is clear; and all tourism attractions are open and accessible including lake activities.
- No major injuries, no fatalities.
- The traditional July 4th festivities will include "Lights on the Lake," the annual fireworks extravaganza, which is rated one of the Top Five fireworks shows in the country. This year's show is dedicated to the fire fighters.
- While tourism officials were the first to question the appropriateness of holding "Lights on the Lake" in light of the Angora Fire, the predominant feeling was it would serve to demonstrate the area's spirit and resiliency throughout the country. Also, that the best way to assist those neighbors in need is through a stable economy.
- All businesses are open along highway 50 through South Shore Lake Tahoe. They encourage visitors to still come to their vacation destination to enjoy all that it has to offer – dining, outdoor activities, lodging, relaxation, entertainment.
- For information about events and activities at South Shore Lake Tahoe, please call the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, 1-800-AT-TAHOE (1-800-288-2463) or visit: www.BlueLakeTahoe.com.
- Leaders of the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which represents business on both sides of the California/Nevada state line, have established the "Locals For Locals - Angora Fire Fund" to accept donations to help victims in the outlying residential area who've been affected.

If you'd like to contribute, please send a check to:

"Locals For Locals Angora Fire Fund"
U.S. Bank
Attn: Jenny Domingo
P.O. Box 17640
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151

or, call the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce at 775/588-1728.

Many companies have already pledged cash donations.

- "Many of us have friends and family members who have been impacted by the fire, and we're all pulling together to take care of them," said Patrick Kaler, executive director of the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority. "One of the best ways to support our community is to continue to welcome visitors to the area, reassuring them that it's safe and South Shore is ready to host travelers."